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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 101

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: AFSP, ASEC

SUBJ: HIRING OF SECURITY GUARDS FOR PROTECTION OF STAFF RESIDENCES

1. AS A RESULT OF THE RASH OF BREAKING AND ENTERING INTO PRIVATE QUARTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROBBERY WHICH HAS STEADILY INCREASED OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE EMB HAS INSTITUTED A POLICY OF PUTTING A SECURITY GUARD ON THE RESIDENCES DURING THE TEMP ABSENCE OF THE EMPLOYEE. DURING THIS SAME PERIOD, HOWEVER, EIGHT OF OUR HOMES HAVE BEEN ENTERED AND ROBBED, NOTWITHSTANDING PREVIOUS INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LOCKS AND DEVICES. TWO SERVANTS IN HOUSES NOT BELONGING TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL BUT IN NEAR PROXIMITY TO THOSE IN WHICH STAFF MEMBERS RESIDE WERE MURDERED BY ROBBERS.

2. THE LOCAL POLICE HAVE COOPERATED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE IN KEEPING SOME AREAS UNDER PATROL SURVEILLANCE BUT THEIR FACILITIES ARE LIMITED AND THE ROBBERIES ARE OCCURRING IN MORE AND MORE AREAS OF THE CITY. THE POLICE HAVE STRONGLY URGED AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE EMBASSY HIRE LOCAL GUARDS FOR EACH OF OUR STAFF RESIDENCES.

3. THE COUNTRY TEAM TOOK THE RECOMMENDATION UNDER ADVISEMENT AND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PEACE CORPS REPRESENTATIVE, AND MRU (ON BASIS OF COST ONLY) CONCURRED THAT THE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION SHOULD BE MADE AVAIL TO ALL AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDS BE SOUGHT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

4. AN ESTIMATE OF COSTS AT M\$1.75 PER HOUR TO COVER 24 HOUR SVC

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FOR GUARDING STAFF RESIDENCES AMOUNT TO THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL DOLLAR

COSTS FOR EACH AGENCY INDICATED:

STATE 25 UNITS US\$133,056

NOTE: THE AMBASSADOR'S AND DCM'S RESIDENCE ALREADY IS UNDER GUARD, THE COSTS OF WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED HEREIN.

USIS 5 UNITS US\$75,600

NOTE: THE PAO'S RESIDENCE IS UNDER GUARD, THE COSTS OF WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED HEREIN.

DAO 4 HOUSE, 1 APT., 1 DUPLEX - 5 GUARDS US\$75,600

AGRIC 1 UNIT US\$15,120

IRS 2 UNITS US\$30,240

DEA 2 UNITS US\$30,240

1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES OF THE GUARDS INDICATED AND THAT FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COVER THE COSTS.

6. THE LOCAL GUARD SERVICE, SECURICOR, INC., IS A PROFESSIONAL CONCERN OPERATED BY EXPERIENCED SECURITY PERSONNEL. THEIR GUARDS ARE TRAINED AND UNIFORMED.

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